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SUBJECT: SECTARIAN DEATHS MOUNT AS PROTESTANT ACTION

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1. FIVE KILLINGS OVER WEEKEND, THREE ROMAN CATHOLIC VICTIMS AND TWO PROTESTANTS, BRING YEAR TOTAL OF DEATH BY VIOLENCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND TO MORE THAN 100. PROTESTANT ACTION FORCE (REFTEL) CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHOOTING TWO CATHOLICS AND FOR ANOTHER KILLED BY BOMB JUNE 19. TWO PROTESTANTS KILLED ON SIDEWALK ASSASSINATION SQUAD NEAR ARDOYNE LATE EVENING JUNE 22. IN OTHER INCIDENTS FOUR PROTESTANTS AND FIVE CATHOLICS WOUNDED. ALL BUT ONE OF THESE ATTACKS APPEAR CLEARLY SECTARIAN.

2. DEGREE OF ORGANIZATION AND TECHNIQUES OF EXECUTIONS JUNE 22 HAVE AROUSED SUSPICION THAT ELEMENTS OF PROVISIONAL IRA ARE AGAIN ACTIVE. PROVISIONALS ARE STIRRING ON OTHER FRONTS WITH DEMONSTRATIONS FOR RELEASE ALL DETAINEES AND WARNING ARMY THAT CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE BY INTELLIGENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITS OR INDIVIDUALS IS VIOLATION CEASEFIRE. PROVISIONALS

HAVE NOT RPT NOT TRADITIONALLY ENGAGED IN PURE SECTARIAN
OR REPRISAL KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS BUT CURRENT WAVE
ATTACKS ON ROMAN CATHOLICS IS STRONG PROVOCATION.

3. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) CONVENTION
MEMBER PADDY DEVLIN HAS CHARGED FLATLY THAT PROTESTANT ACTION
FORCE MADE UP OF MEMBERS NOW LEGAL ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE
(UVF). HE SEES ULTIMATE UVF AIM AS ASSERTION CONTROL OVER
CERTAIN LOYALIST POLITICIANS.

4. "RANDOM" MURDERS OF ROMAN CATHOLICS CANNOT BE
ASCRIBED SIMPLY TO SECTARIAN HATRED. ACQUISITION AND
STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND LOGISTICS REQUIRED IN STORAGE
AND MOVEMENTS OF STOLEN VEHICLES USED REQUIRES
ORGANIZATION AND DIRECTION. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
WILL OPEN DEBATE THIS WEEK ON TOPIC OF EFFECT "SECRET
NEGOTIATIONS" ON WORK OF CONVENTION. DEBATE STEMS FROM
STATEMENT BY REVEREND WILLIAM ARLOW THAT THERE AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN HMG AND PROVISIONAL IRA. PROCEEDINGS WILL BE AT
BEST DIVERSION FROM MAIN CONVENTION EFFORTS. AT WORSE,
MOOD IN CONVENTION COULD SUDDENLY CHANGE FROM PREVAILING
SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION AND EXPLORATION.

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